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post up to attend : so that all are busied to this Solemnity; and the reason, I trow* being the Day of Triumph so long expected.

The Tower was empty of his prisoners; and I beheld the late [!] Sir WALTER RALEIGH, the late [!] Lord COBHAM, the late [!] Lord GREY, MARKHAM, with others, conveyed some to the Marshalsea, others to the Gatehouse, and others to appointed prisons [in November, 1603].

The Tower itself was prepared with that pomp as eye never saw, such glory in the hangings ! such majesty in the ornaments of the chambers ! and such a necessary provision, as when I beheld it, I could no less than say

*GOD gives King JAMES
the grace And glory of
the day, As never a King
possessed like place That
came the Northern way>
And since the heavens will have it
so,
What living soul dares say " No !"*

Upon the Thames, the water works for his entertainment were miraculous, and the fireworks on the water passed pleasing. As of a castle or fortress built on two barges, seeming as a settled fort in an island, planted with much munition of defence: and two pinnaces ready rigged, armed likewise to assault the castle: that had you beheld the managing of that fight, with the onset on the castle, repulse from the castle, and then the taking of it, it was a show worthy the sight of many Princes. Being there placed at the cost of the Cinque Ports: whereat the King, all pleased, made answer that " their love was, like the wild fire, unquenchable ! " And, I pray GOD, it may ever be so !

Well, from the Tower, he came. Here, Cost was careless; Desire was fearless, and Content flourished in abundance. But so royally attended, as if the gods had summoned a Parliament, and were all in their steps of triumph to JOVE'S High Court. This worthy train attending so majestic a presence, the Companies of London in their liveries, placed in the street which was double railed [*i.e., a rail on each side of the street*] for them and the passengers, the Whifflers in